

FAASTeam presents:

Understanding Impairment Risk for Pilots

A NTSB Safety Alert discusses the need for pilots to understand impairment risk associated with the use of prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. Several studies published by the FAA Toxicology Laboratory on toxicology samples of deceased pilots indicated the presence of illicit drugs, and prescription or over-the-counter medications in 42% of subjects tested. While NTSB and FAA have not necessarily cited drug or medication use as a causal factor in these accidents; the magnitude of these findings poses two questions. Have the drugs found in recent investigations, diminished pilots ability to safely conduct flight operations? Have the medical conditions requiring use of those drugs compromised pilots ability to fly safely? It may be impossible to say after the fact to what extent a drug compromised a pilot's capability but it's safe to say that a consultation with one's Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) is a good idea before flying while using any drug. FAA Safety Team Representative Frank Sebastian will discuss impairment risk as it applies to drugs and medications with respect to aviation.

Directions: Located at the Renton Municipal Airport - West side, at the Classroom.

Event Details

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